

# THE NVH OBSERVER

N O R F O L K V E T E R A N S H O M E

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

From The Desk of Jerry Eisenhauer  
NVH Administrator

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**DAVE HEINEMAN**  
  
VETERANS' HOMES DIVISION  
DIRECTOR:  
**JOHN HILGERT**

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NVH Administrator

Greetings,

During the past several months, the Norfolk Veterans Home has been implementing proactive changes in order to adjust to current and future needs of our veterans. These changes were put into place to ensure that we continue to fulfill our mission of serving as many veterans as we possibly can. I am happy to report that the process of converting Unit E to a thirty bed secured care unit was accomplished on Tuesday, June 23, 2009. We also converted Unit G to a ten bed advanced palliative care unit on that date. Significant planning, communication and coordination of services were required to accomplish this transformation. Moreover, it required acceptance and buy in from each and every current member, their families and our staff members. The accomplishment of this goal will increase the quality of life for every current and future member who calls the Norfolk Veterans Home their home.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank each and every staff member, member and family member who made the accomplishment of this goal possible. I had every confidence that our staff would once again step up to the plate. This solidifies my belief that the staff here feel that this is much more than "just a place to work".

We look forward to continuing to provide quality care for our current and future members.

Sincerely,

Jerry Eisenhauer  
Administrator

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# VOLUNTEER CORNER

JENNY LAST, VOLUNTEER SERVICES COORDINATOR

On June 9th the Members of NVH were treated to a special presentation by **Native American speaker, James Horn of Pierce, NE.** He is pictured here wearing brain tanned deer hide that he has hand sewn 62,000 beads on. Each moccasin has over 6,000 beads alone. His head-dress is made up of 28 eagle feathers that he has earned in his lifetime.

The picture to the right is his shield, which also doubles as his address. He would hang this outside of his teepee and everyone would know that was where James Horn resides.

He also had a ceremony pipe, that has been in his family for more than 400 years. Which is what the white man referred to as a peace pipe, for that was the only time they saw it.



## THE SPOTLIGHT IS ON . . .

Anyone interested in  
volunteer opportunities at  
the  
Norfolk Veterans Home  
contact

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Coordinator

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**Flag Day  
Sunday, June 14th, 2009**

**The Norfolk Elks  
Lodge**, for their  
Annual Flag Day  
Presentation to the

Veterans Home. This year the  
Members were treated with  
grilled hot dogs after the pro-  
gram, which everyone en-  
joyed.

And Hospital Representative  
for the Elks, Rod Nelson is  
pictured to the left presenting  
the Home with a bear dressed  
in fatigues that sings Lee  
Greenwoods, "God Bless the  
USA".



## TREATED WITH HOMETOWN HOSPITALITY

Members, staff and volunteers  
went on a tour of the **Neligh Mill  
State Historic Site.** They were  
able to sift through the story of  
milling in Nebraska and tour a  
mill with its original 1880's  
equipment still intact. Museum  
displays explain the history of  
the Neligh Mill and provide infor-  
mation about other water-

powered mills once  
located throughout  
Nebraska.

Then it was off to  
**lunch at Daddy's  
Country Café** in Ne-  
ligh, where they were  
treated with home-  
town hospitality. To  
the right, **Gary Drum** wraps his mouth  
around a juicy hamburger deluxe.



# SALUTE OUR NEW MEMBERS

NORFOLK VETERANS HOME WELCOMES YOU

## Roy Diefenderfer

Branch of Service: Navy  
Date of Service: 1944—1945  
Hometown: Crofton, NE  
Occupation: Carpenter/Mechanic

## Raymond Lehmann

Branch of Service: Army  
Date(s) of Service: 1946—47  
& 1950—51  
Hometown: O'Neill, NE  
Occupation: Rancher/Farmer

## Andrew McGovern

Branch of Service: Air Force  
Date of Service: 1972—1976  
Hometown: North Platte, NE  
Occupation: Hearing Aid Sales

## Johnny Rosacker

Branch of Service: Army  
Date(s) of Service: 1943—1943  
Hometown: Norfolk, NE  
Occupation: Mechanic



THE NORFOLK VETERANS HOME IS A STATE OPERATED FACILITY  
PROVIDING LONG TERM CARE FOR ELIGIBLE NEBRASKA VETERANS.  
FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING ADMISSION,  
PLEASE CONTACT YOUR  
LOCAL COUNTY SERVICE OFFICER  
OR JOAN HULT @ (402) 370-3109  
OR  
COLLEEN BENSON @ (402) 370-3469

## *In Remembrance of Those Members Who Have Passed.*

Although no sculptured marble should rise to their memory, nor engraved stone bear record of their deed, yet will their remembrance be as lasting as the land they honored.

~Daniel Webster

*Theron Mitchell*

## *Memorial Service*

"Those we hold most dear never truly leave us...they live on in the kindness they showed, the comfort they shared, and the love they brought into our lives." A memorial service will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 15, 2009 in the Norfolk Veterans Home Chapel. We invite members, family, and staff to this service as we remember:

Leo Swanson  
Edwin Hurd

Chester Marotz  
Theron Mitchell





## NEW EMPLOYEES



**Marele Maters**

Position: Staff Care Tech II  
Shift: 2 p.m. to 10:30p.m.



**Sarah Gustafson**

Position: Staff Care Tech II  
Shift: 10p.m. to 6:30a.m.



**Connie Dohmen**

Position: Staff Care Tech II  
Shift: 10p.m. to 6:30a.m.



**Heather Dohmen**

Position: Staff Care Tech II  
Shift: 2p.m. to 10:30p.m.



**Chandra Smith**

Position: Temp LPN II  
Shift: 10p.m. to 6:30a.m.



**Jason Klug**

Position: Groundskeeper

## PICTURES FROM THE MOVE



All Departments worked together to get members moved into their new rooms in around 2 hours. Thank you all for your hard work.

## FISHING AT SKYVIEW



Norfolk Public Schools JOOI sponsor, **Mark Claussen** is helping **Dan Koch** get his catch of the day off the hook.

### Bits & Pieces

**CENSUS  
137**

**Special  
Occasion  
Room**

**Reservations:  
Call Activities @  
(402) 370-3330**

**Join A Member  
For a Meal  
Only \$2.50  
24 Hr. Notice**

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU...



Name: **Arnold H. Bretschneider**

Branch of the military served: **Army**

How many years of service: **4 years 1942-1946**

What was your occupation (military or afterwards): **Signal Core during service and afterwards a farmer and auctioneer for 50 plus years.**

Favorite past thing to do for leisure: **Fish, hunt and go to sale barns**

Favorite current thing to do for leisure: **Spend time with family and grandchildren and great grandchildren.**

Favorite Person or Best Buddy: **My wife Darlene**

Favorite color(s): **Blue**

Favorite song: **One Day at a Time**

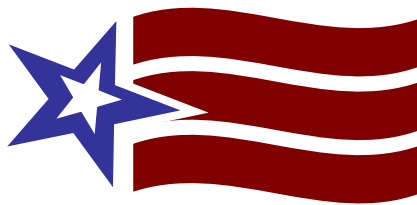
Favorite ice cream: **Vanilla and toppings**

Most memorable moment: **Having all the family together for our 50th wedding anniversary.**

If you were king for a day, what would you do: **Gather all the family and friends and have a big party!**

What do you enjoy most about living at the Norfolk Veterans Home: **Good care and wonderful nursing care and all the fun with everyone working here and friends that live here.**

Can you give us some words of wisdom: **Being honest and happy makes for a better day.**



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Members of the NVH Safety Committee enjoying the sun, gardens **and** doing Safety Rounds. Julie Clausen, Kathy Brown, and Devin Watts taking note of any safety concerns. Each area of the home is routinely inspected to ensure that NVH complies with approved safety policies and procedures.

Norfolk Veterans Home Observer is published monthly  
for the members, families, staff and other interested parties.

## A BIRTHDAY WISH COME TRUE



A birthday wish come true for this  
**91 year old motorcycle mama.**

**June Retzlaff** was turning 91 years old this June and had told her son that all she wanted for her birthday was a motorcycle ride. Fortunately, her son knew that one of NVH's finest nurses, **Deb Cattell** also had a bike. So with a beautiful day from mother nature, a leather jacket and a helmet Deb and June set off for a cruise around town. Deb said that June is a good rider, and June wants to know when she can go again!

This is truly what living life to its fullest is all about at the Norfolk Veterans Home.

